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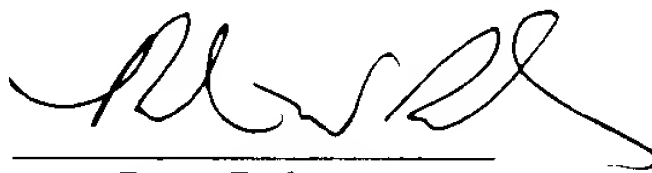
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In response to the Office Action mailed January 2nd, 2002, for which a one-month extension fee has been submitted, please consider the following:

Remarks

Claims 7-11 are currently pending in the application. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's assertions that claims 7-11 are unpatentable over the cited prior art.

The Examiner has rejected claims 7-9 under § 102(b), and in the alternative under § 103(a), because of Tsao (US 5,384,296). In making these rejections the examiner states that Tsao '296 teaches, while not the applicant's specific claims, a selection from which the applicant's claims fall into. Applicant traverses this position and re-asserts that Tsao '296 teaches nothing more than a broad selection of possible combinations. Because the

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